

Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes

July 21, 2016

Present at meeting: Byron, Bob, Meredith, LeeAnne, Tony

Absent from Meeting: Patrick, Mark

Also in Attendance: Karen Robertson

Meeting Called: 7:01PM

Approval of Meeting Minutes from June 2nd and June 23rd

1. Formal Statement

- a. Committee will send edits/suggestions to Bob, and will approve at next meeting

2. Plan of Action

- a. Who will be our communicator with the public?
- b. We will hold small group meetings with the towns people. Bob will organize 5-6 people to come together to discuss our vision. They will revisit previous planning, ask what did not work, discuss objections to past plans and see what concerns remain today.
- c. This is not a "Charette"

3. Sub-Committee Updates

- a. Charette – Bryon & Patrick
 - Not calling it a Charette is really important.
 - The Project we will work on:
 - Fountain Square – rework roads to make it more walk able – park like vs. parking lot like, lighting, trees, people strolling with ice cream, intersection
 - Accident reports from DOT (online)
 - Parking (signs)
 - Plants on bridge, landscaping by dam, steps to the river, repainting welcome to Contoocook sign on Hopkinton Road, welcome to Contoocook sign on Park Ave (trees need to be cut), info center at depot, river parks – spruce up the village
- b. TIFs – LeeAnne & Mark
 - Tax Increment Financing. Way of financing big projects. Does not take money away from other projects (schools, etc.). Public/Private partnership is necessary. Need a commitment from someone, to start this process.
 - Taxes will eventually go down, once the bond is paid off.
- c. Commercial Brokers – Bob and Tony
 - Met with Matt Walsh. If you can find a developer who is willing to be out in front, because the real estate was really valuable. Have market analysis done of Exit 6, so we can learn

who we can market to (distribution center, etc.). What is marketable?

- Concord did TIFs and tax credits for different projects

d. Zoning – Meredith

- Properties along 202-9
 - Rezone and purchase
- Cedar Street parking opportunities
- Rezoning Maple Street Corridor

4. Additional Agenda Items

a. Tent at Fair:

- 10 X 10 pop-up tent with signage
- Town Night – Thursday from 3-8PM

b. Chamber of Commerce in Contoocook

- Working on re-writing the bylaws

Meeting Adjourned: 8:58 PM

Next Meeting: August 11th, 7PM, Town Hall